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PURCHASE OF MEDICAL STORES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.A.G. has adversely commented on procurement and utilisation of medical stores and equipments in its report No. 7 for the year ended on March 31, 1996; and

(b) if so, the action taken to bring about improvements in the functioning of the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, to root out the corruption and to fix accountability and responsibility in the purchases?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) had suggested improvement in the system and procedure including internal control as a remedial action. The following actions have been taken and implemented w.e.f. 1.4.2000 to improve the system and to ensure procurement of good quality drugs:-

(i) A new purchase procedure for medical stores/drugs has been introduced.

(ii) Price Vocabulary of Medical Stores (PVMS) - 01 which was formulated in 1960, has been revised.

(iii) Various checks and internal control have been introduced to improve the system, and ensure accountability.